

## Minutes of Marton Cum Grafton Parish Council Ordinary Meeting

Held: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Present:** Mr R Shepherd (RS) Chair; Mrs C Sanderson-Lewis (CS-L) Arabella Cornelius (AC)  
Hugh Creasy (HC) County Councillor Arnold Warneken  
Sandra Windross (SW) Clerk.

Resident attendance 7

Agenda Point	Subject	Action
1. Note Apologies	Received from Cllr Alex Robinson	
<b>2. Declarations of interest</b>	None noted.	
<b>3.Minutes of the last meeting</b>	The minutes of the meeting on the 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2025 were agreed and signed as a true and accurate record	
<b>4. NYC matters</b>	Cllr Warneken advised NYC are holding a full council meeting on Friday to set the budget for the coming year. This will be a challenge with NYC having to find savings of at least £20m. As one of their proposals NYC have discussed removing the £10k pa Locality Fund from individual councillors. AW is against this proposal as the fund is their single source of direct funding for specific community projects, is a cost-efficient way to fund small community projects and the only source of funding communities can access from NYC. AW advised he has requested a copy of the register of fixed assets held by NYC of anything over £100k in value. The County Hall Headquarters site in Northallerton is NYCs biggest single asset and AW is of the belief the council could operate effectively from other, smaller sites. AW advised he has typically between 9 and 13 people from MCG attend his surgeries, he would be happy to hold a specific surgery in MCG if a suitable venue can be found.	
<b>5.</b>		
<b>5.1 Playing Fields and Woodlands</b>	RS advised we are awaiting contractors to be available to provide a quote for the areas of track and footpaths in need of repair.	
<b>5.2 Inspection of childrens play area</b>	<p>AC advised Hags, the company that provided much of the play equipment, have carried out a thorough playground inspection. A quote has been received for all the work that needs to be carried out for approx. £4k. On the basis it is 8 years since most of the play equipment was installed, with minimal maintenance work to date, this quote is likely a realistic estimate. It was agreed to obtain two further quotes to compare. HAGS did carry out some emergency works to the zipwire while carrying out the inspection.</p> <p>HC advised that our insurers should be made aware of completed maintenance work in order to reduce the likelihood of premium increase due to the recent insurance claim.</p> <p>The ongoing issue is all the rabbit holes around the playground due to the play area not properly being fenced off. AC proposed the area is fenced off so it is both rabbit and dog proof. This was approved in principle and quotes will be obtained</p>	
<b>5.3 Asphalt Plant update</b>	AC advised all the outstanding questions are with NYC. This matter is possibly going to the next Planning Committee meeting. It was	

	agreed to try and rally a decent amount of people to go along and protest at the committee meeting.	
<b>6. Village Hall</b>	Council was advised the Village Hall are awaiting a new hot water boiler for the kitchen. Permission was received for the PC to have a mailbox installed on the exterior of the Village Hall.	
<b>7.1 Planning Applications</b>	The following applications were received:  <b>ZC24/03655/FUL</b> retention and conversion of 2 no. metal storage containers to holiday let/glamping pod at land comprising field at grid reference 442278 462622 Gallabar Lane Marton cum Grafton North Yorkshire. Council wished to see refused as per the PC policy to object to non-agricultural development which is out with the building line of the village.	SW
<b>7.2 Decisions</b>	No decisions were received.	
<b>7.3 Enforcement Issues</b>	No Enforcement updates <i>Pheasant needs following up.</i>	
<b>8. Community Resilience</b>	After the recent weather induced power cuts in the county, Council questioned whether a resilience plan should be in place were the village subject to a lengthy electricity outage. AW advised NYC have got a good emergency planning department and AW can arrange for someone to come to a meeting to discuss further.	
<b>9. Parish Liaison meetings</b>	There are two meetings the first on the 12 <sup>th</sup> February and the second on the 26 <sup>th</sup> February. RS felt we should appointment a representative to attend the Parish Liaison meetings – RS could attend the meeting on the 26 <sup>th</sup> February.	
<b>10. Planning Enforcement webinar</b>	YLCA are holding a webinar on the 12 <sup>th</sup> February it was agreed to see if there will be a further webinar on another date.	
<b>11. Cold Calling</b>	A MOP advised a Neighbourhood Watch Committee has been resurrected in the village and has subsequently ordered 5 'no cold calling' signs to be placed in strategic points. These are expected to be in place in 3 to 4 week's time.	
<b>12. SHELAA</b>	This item has been discussed with NYC matters.	
<b>13. Defibrillator</b>	An action point to ensure the two defibrillators in the village are adequately monitored/ maintained.	
<b>Defibrillator Training</b>	It was agreed to look into holding a defibrillator training session on a Saturday morning in the village hall. Resident looking into.	
<b>14. Financial Matters</b>	Summary of recent finances were shared as per attached Appendix I Review of CIL and S106 funds RS briefed the meeting of the two forms of funds that come into our council.	

<b>15. Any other items for business and next meeting</b>	Malkin Development – AW advised the initial findings of the inspection were released a month ago, a public consultation launched on ‘Major Matters’  Date of next meeting – 11 <sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm the meeting closed at 20.53	
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Signed: .....Chairman .....

Dated: .....11.03.2025 .....